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SUBJECT: SECURITY PREPARATIONS FOR THE 233RD USMC BIRTHDAY
BALL IN URUGUAY

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¶1. (SBU) On 28 October, 2008, U.S. Embassy Montevideo convened the Emergency Action Committee (EAC) to review and discuss the security preparations for the 233rd U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) Birthday Ball. EAC participants included DCM, RSO, MGMT, MSG, and ESC. RSO reviewed the security preparations for the USMC celebration to be held at the Uruguayan Air Force Club on Saturday, 1 November 2008. This area is located in the suburb of Carrasco and receives security support from the Uruguayan Air Force. All security arrangements were coordinated with the Uruguayan National Police (UNP).

¶2. (SBU) The EAC approved the proposed security plans as outlined below:

¶A. Venue Staff: The staff members identified to work the celebration have been successfully cleared by RSO.

¶B. Perimeter Security: The UNP, assisted by the Embassy Local Guard Force (LGF), will control the perimeter and access to the site. UNP explosive ordnance disposal and special weapons and tactics units will be in the vicinity and available to provide assistance as required. Furthermore, the Embassy surveillance Detection team will conduct outer-ring security for the duration of the event.

¶C. On-site Security: The LGF will control access to the venue and there will be roving internal security also.

¶D. Access Control: All guests will be positively identified and checked against a guest list. Personnel who invited non-embassy guests will be available to identify their guests if necessary and unidentified guests will not be allowed access. The LGF, augmented by the UNP, will be posted at the entrance in order to control access.

¶3. (U) For further information, the point of contact is RSO William Maxwell at 598-2-418-7777, ext. 2319.
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